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M. C. Pfefferkorn, left, admires new white dahlia named "MOUNEY C" in his honor by Mr. Comstock, right. This is the highest scoring dahlia in the United States for 1957. See description on page...3...

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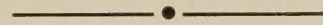
Top International Winner



Rose Marie Comstock with dahlia "FIRST LADY" winner of the CHALLENGE CUP for 1957 at the Royal Horticulture Show in Holland for the best foreign dahlia. This dahlia is still one of the top winners on the show tables throughout the United States. It was named in honor of Mrs. Mamie Eisenhower.

Your Invitation To Our Open House

Our annual open house will be held again this year at our growing grounds at Solana Beach on Sunday and Monday, Aug. 31 and Sept. 1st, 1958. We will be looking forward to seeing all our friends at that time. Bring your cameras and plenty of film as we expect to have about 10,000 dahlia plants in bloom at that time and it is really a photographer's paradise. For our many eastern friends may we suggest you plan your vacation trip to Southern California in time to be with us at our open house. Bring your picnic lunch and plan to spend the day.



PINTO TAG NURSERY

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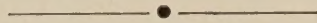
JOIN THE DAHLIA SOCIETY

We would like to suggest that you join our local dahlia society.

If in or near San Diego, contact us for information regarding the San Diego County Dahlia Society. We will be pleased to assist you.

The San Diego County Dahlia Society will stage a dahlia show in San Diego August 2nd and 3rd, at which time we hope to see all of you with a share of the blooms to be displayed, so with best wishes for a grand dahlia year, we are,

Sincerely yours,
R. Paul and Rose Marie Comstock



Dahlia Societies

Membership dues in the American Dahlia Society are \$4.00 per year which entitles you to their bulletin which is published quarterly. Much good information regarding growing of dahlias is available to you in it.

Send subscriptions to the **American Dahlia Society, 12 Warren St., New York, N. Y.**, or to the **Treasurer of the Society, Henry A. Olsen, 45 Clement Ave., Elmont, New York.**

Fill in name and address and \$4.00 and mail to above.

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IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Please Read Carefully!

SHIPPING INFORMATION

Plants and tubers are offered for sale on weekdays and SUNDAYS from April 1st through June 1st, at our greenhouse at 5140 35th St. in San Diego. WE WILL BE CLOSED ON FRIDAYS.

Our growing grounds where the dahlias are grown is located in Solana Beach, twenty miles north of San Diego on Highway 101 (1½ miles north of Del Mar). The address is 145 Dahlia Drive, and is between Highway 101 and the Pacific Ocean.

We DO NOT ship plants outside of the Southern California area. If you live more than 150 miles from San Diego PLEASE ORDER ROOTS or POT ROOTS as these can be easily shipped to you.

For those within a radius of 150 miles we deliver plants in person thereby insuring their safe arrival. No orders for less than \$15.00 will be delivered. Deliveries outside of San Diego will be made annually early in May. You will be notified by mail when these deliveries may be expected. WE DO NOT SHIP PLANTS BY MAIL.

A sales tax of 4 percent is required by law in the State of California. Please add this to your order.

Placing Orders

We fill orders in rotation as they are received, so we would like to suggest to you that you place your order as early as possible to avoid the disappointment of our having sold out. No deposits are required. Pay any time before shipping date. No orders are shipped C.O.D.

Plants

We do not substitute so please make a second and third choice if possible.

TO OUR LOCAL CUSTOMERS

May we suggest that you mail us your order for plants and roots and let us notify you when your selection is ready to pick up. This will save you a great deal of time and will insure that the plants will be ready for planting at the time you get them.

Guarantee

All stock shipped by COMSTOCK DAHLIA GARDENS is guaranteed to be true to name and to be in good growing condition at time of sale; after that our responsibility ceases, as we have no control over growing conditions. Please notify us immediately upon arrival of plants, roots, or seed if unsatisfactory. The above guarantee does not go beyond replacement of the item purchased. We only guarantee dahlia seeds to be from varieties specified.

Disease

We thoroughly rogue our glass house, lath house and gardens throughout the entire season for diseased stock of any sort, and if we find any, it is immediately destroyed. We hope in this way to keep disease at an absolute minimum.

EXPLANATION OF ABBREVIATIONS

Classification—

- A—Large, over 8 inches in diameter.
- B—Medium, 6 to 8 inches in diameter.
- BB—Commercial, 4 to 6 inches in diameter.

Type of Flower—

- C—Cactus, S.C.—Semi Cactus, F.D.—Formal Decorative, I.D.—Informal Decorative, I.C.—Incurved Cactus, St.C—Straight Cactus, BA.—Ball Type, Min—Miniature.

Originator or Introducer—(Comstock).

Year of Introduction—1955.

WE ARE INTRODUCING FOR 1958



"HELEN HAYES"



"MOUNEY C"

64—Helen Hayes (Comstock) I.D. "A" 1958

Color of this fine dahlia is cobalt violet becoming darker at base of petals, it will be classed in the lavenders. Petals are very broad, but wavy enough to be classified as informal decorative, a very pleasing formation. Size of blooms about 10 x 6 inches. Very long and rigid stems, with excellent foliage. Plants about four feet tall.

Helen Hayes was winner of two certificates of merit. At Farmingdale, N. Y. score 85.6 and at Atlanta, Georgia, score 85.0. It has also won three American Home Achievement Medals, at San Diego, Inglewood and La Mesa, California.

It also won three American Dahlia Society seedling sweepstakes awards and was given the A.D.S. Gold Medal for the highest scoring "A" size dahlia for 1957.

We feel honored to be granted permission to name this fine dahlia for the First Lady of the Theatre, Helen Hayes.

Root—\$15.00 net each. Plants \$7.50 net each
Roots of this variety shipped after May 15 — \$10.00 net each

78—Little Dickey (Eddy-Comstock) F.D. "Miniature" 1958. See page 4

This dahlia will be classified as dark blend, white overlaid rhodamine purple. Blooms 3 1/2 x 2 1/2 inches, flowers face with good stems. Plants five feet tall, prolific bloomer. Plants are very colorful in the garden, blooms holding their color well during hot weather.

Little Dickey won three A.D. Seedling sweepstakes awards and was the winner of the A.D.S. Gold Medal for 1957, and won a certificate of merit at Farmingdale, N. Y.

Root—\$5.00 net each or 3 for \$10.00 net. Plants—\$2.00 net

92—Mouney C (Comstock) F.D. "BB" 1958

Well grown blooms of this fine formal decorative dahlia of pure paper white are from five to six inches in diameter, and four to five inches in depth. The blooms have tremendous substance and keeping qualities, having been kept in good condition for five to six days. Stems are long and very strong. Plants about four feet tall.

Mouney C, has won the Derrill Hart Memorial Medal for 1957 in the BB class, it has won five certificates of merit in the trial grounds of the American Dahlia Society in 1957. It was awarded three seedling sweepstakes and is the winner of the A.D.S. Gold Medal for 1957. It has won the American Home Achievement Medal and is on Mr. Webb's Eastern Dahlia Review.

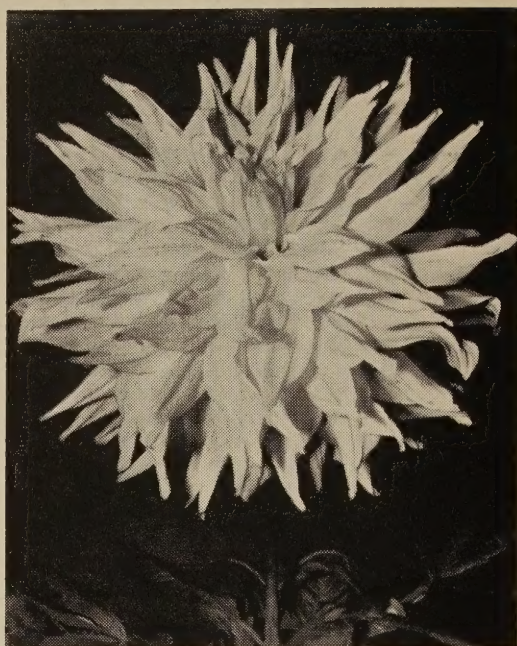
We have named Mouney C for our good friend Mr. Mouney C. Pfefferkorn of San Diego, an avid dahlia fan of many years, who has also done an outstanding job toward the promotion of amateur sports in this area.

Root—\$10.00 net each or 3 for \$20.00 net. Plants—\$3.50 net

COMSTOCK ORIGINATIONS



"LITTLE DICKEY"



"ART LINKLETTER"

6—Art Linkletter—(Comstock) S.C. 1957. "A"

Extremely large blooms of Primrose Yellow. Blooms up to 14½ by 11 inches. Stems are long and very strong. Average field grown plants are about four feet tall. Very vigorous plants with healthy green foliage.

Art Linkletter has won several largest and best bloom in show awards, four American Home Achievement medals and Certificate of Merit at the American Dahlia Society Trial Grounds at Oakland, Calif., Cincinnati, Ohio and at Atlanta, Georgia. Also won two American Dahlia Society Seedling Sweepstake awards and is on Mr. Webb's Eastern Dahlia Review, and is on the Flower Grower Honor Rolls of R. T. Eddy and Conrad E. Faust. This dahlia can be grown to tremendous proportions. We predict a great future on the show tables for this fine flower which is named for a truly outstanding Radio and Television Personality.

Root—\$10.00 ea. Pot Root—\$7.50 ea. Plant—\$3.50 ea.

7—Autumn Glory (Comstock) I.D. 1948. "A." See page 6

Very large old gold dahlia. Blooms easily attain a diameter of twelve inches with corresponding depth. Very long and strong stems hold the enormous blooms well out of the fine growing plants facing at the proper angle. A free and early bloomer for such a large dahlia. Tall growing plant with excellent foliage. Winner of Achievement Medals, Certificates of Merit and on Flower Grower Honor Roll.

Root—\$1.50. Plant—\$1.00

21—Cherie (Comstock) F.D. 1954. "B." See page 6

Rhodamine purple on the Royal Horticultural color chart. Its extremely unusual color displays the blooms to a much better advantage with artificial light.

Early and very prolific producer of "B" size blooms averaging 7½" to 8" in diameter with corresponding depth. Stems are very long and strong. It is a very good keeper. Plants 4 to 5 feet tall. Excellent foliage.

"Cherie" has been awarded The American Home Achievement Medal at Inglewood, California; winner of a Certificate of Merit at the A.D.S. trial grounds in Ohio, and on the Flower Grower Honor Rolls.

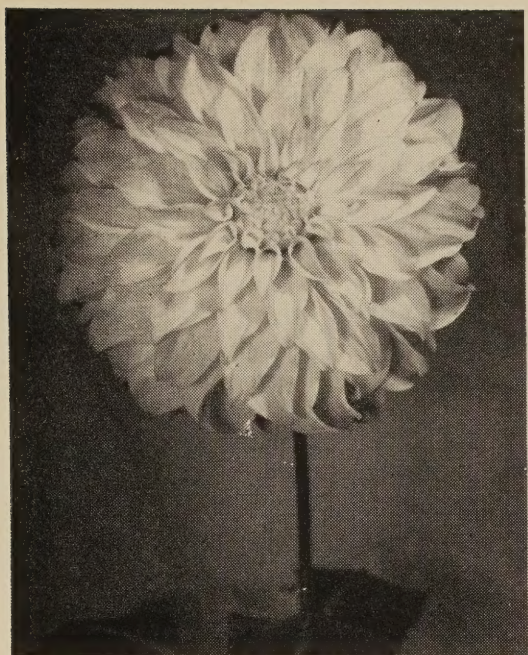
This dahlia is a worthy addition to all dahlia gardens.

Root—\$1.50. Plant—\$1.00

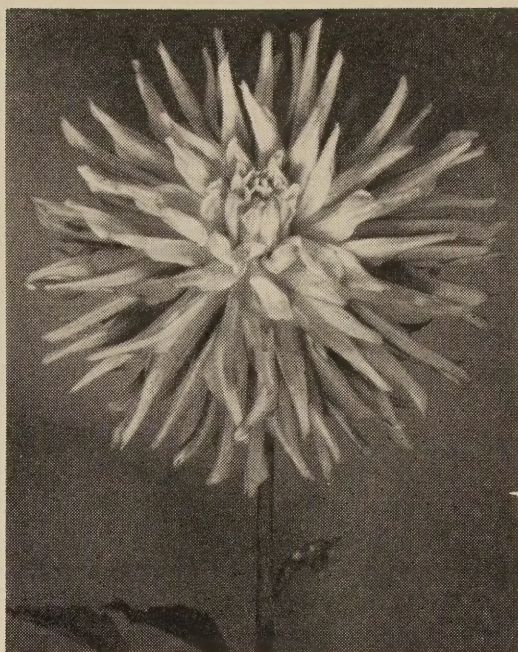
39—Desiree' (Comstock) Str.C. 1955. "A." See page 5

Phlox purple, lighter at center; blooms 10 x 5. Long stems—straight cactus formation. Plants 5 feet tall, open growing and thrifty. Excellent foliage. Won best bloom in show at San Diego in 1951.

Root—\$2.00. Plant—\$1.00



"FIRST LADY"



"DESIREE"

48—First Lady (Comstock) F.D. 1955. "B" See above.

"First Lady" is Dresden yellow throughout according to the Royal Horticultural Society color chart. Blooms 8 x 6 inches field grown. Greatest attraction of "First Lady" is the unusual petal formation, which are very broad but pointed at the ends and each one folds back in an extremely regular formation, completely wrapping around and covering the stem. Every bloom is fit for exhibition. A very early and prolific bloomer. Plants are 3 to 4 ft. high. Beautiful foliage and excellent stems. Proven best in its class by show and Trial Ground reports. A WINNER. Look at these records all during 1954. **Won 1st in every class entered at San Diego County Dahlia Show** in the following classes: One bloom yellow; one bloom F.D.; five blooms F.D.; five or more blooms A or B yellow; Med. blooms 15 or more; Best bloom, open to all section; Court of Honor; best bloom in show; American Home Achievement Medal; A.D.S. seedling sweepstakes award.

Orange County Show: Five first awards including American Home Achievement Medal and A.D.S. seedling Sweepstakes.

Inglewood, Calif.: Four first awards including American Home Achievement Medal.

Dahlia Society of California Show at San Francisco: Shipped blooms 500 miles and won three firsts including American Home Achievement Medal; Dahlia Society of California Bronze Medal, and Best Bloom in Show.

New York A.D.S. Show: "First Lady" was shipped 3,000 miles, judged on the second day after cutting and was awarded the A.D.S. Seedling Sweepstakes Award.

"First Lady" was on all four of the Flower Grower Honor Rolls. Certificate of Merit awarded at Farmingdale, N.Y., score 85.1—Cincinnati, Ohio score, 85E.

"First Lady" was the national gold medal winner for "B" size dahlia introductions in the 1955 Seedling Sweepstakes Awards of the A.D.S.

A well grown bloom of "First Lady" will win in any show.

Root—\$3.50. Plant—\$1.50

GREEN PLANTS

Our green plants are produced from base cuttings of the finest of our various varieties, and roots or clumps used for this purpose are selected from our healthiest stock selected during the growing season. These cutting are rooted in special propagating benches and after being well started are transferred to four-inch earthen pots. When the plants are found to be well established they are moved to a partially shaded place, where they become accustomed to the weather. When plants show a definite trend toward new growth they are ready for our customers. We find that the quality and size of blooms for exhibition are just as good as when grown from roots. We highly recommend plants to our customers.

WE DO NOT SHIP PLANTS BY MAIL



"AUTUMN GLORY"



"CHERIE"

50—Florence Chadwick (Comstock) C. 1953. "B." See page 24

Pure glistening white with petals slightly tipped lavender, becoming more pre-dominant at center of blooms. Foliage very dark green and insect resistant. Blooms are medium size averaging about eight inches across with corresponding depth, and are held facing and slightly up on long strong stems. Blooms are very good keepers with plenty of substance.

Plants are tall and upright in growth, being very prolific in producing both early and late blooms in abundance with good tight centers.

Florence Chadwick won American Home Achievement medals in both the San Diego and Inglewood, California dahlia shows, and was on all four of the 1953 Honor Rolls for the Flower Grower magazine.

Florence Chadwick has the distinction of being the first dahlia to have ever scored high enough to win a Certificate of Merit at each one of all the A.D.S. Trial Grounds.

Florence Chadwick was the winner of the **Derrill Hart Memorial Medal** for 1952, having the highest average score of three trial grounds.

Root—\$1.50. Plant—\$1.00

60—Groucho Marx (Comstock) S.C. 1956. "A." See page 7

"GROUCHO MARX" is a magnificent pure white semi-cactus dahlia. Petals fold back completely giving the blooms tremendous depth, early bloomer, continuing to bloom throughout the season till cold weather sets in.

We have exhibited blooms of this fine variety in largest bloom classes fourteen inches in diameter and eleven inches in depth. Even field grown blooms if disbudded easily attain a diameter of twelve inches with corresponding good depth. Plants are strong, thrifty growers requiring little or no staking. Stems are long and strong. Plants are four to six feet tall.

"GROUCHO MARX" WON FIVE AMERICAN HOME ACHIEVEMENT MEDALS AND FIVE AMERICAN DAHLIA SOCIETY SEEDLING SWEEPSTAKES AWARDS, including shows at San Diego and Orange County, California. Shipped by air freight, succeeded in winning the same coveted awards at MIDWEST DAHLIA SHOW, MILWAUKEE; A.D.S. DAHLIA SHOW at NEW YORK; CENTRAL STATES SHOW at CHICAGO and the MEDAL of the DAHLIA SOCIETY OF CALIFORNIA at SAN FRANCISCO.

Groucho Marx was placed on all four Honor Rolls of the Flower Grower magazine.

Root—\$7.50. Pot Root—\$6.00. Plant—\$2.50



"GROUCHO MARX"



"HARVEY ATHERTON"

62—Harvey Atherton (Comstock) F.D. 1956. "A." See above

A formal decorative rhodamine purple dahlia. Blooms are very large, well grown blooms about fourteen by six or eight inches.

Stems are strong and foliage very dark green. Plants of this variety are beautiful; they branch well and the symmetrical plants produce many large blooms at one time.

This fine dahlia won an AMERICAN DAHLIA SOCIETY SEEDLING SWEEPSTAKES AWARD AT SAN DIEGO, CALIFORNIA.

Root—\$5.00. Pot Root—\$4.00. Plant—\$2.00

85—Maureen Connolly (Comstock) F.D. 1954. "B"

Medium size blooms of sulphur yellow are borne in profuse abundance with long stems on a very symmetrical growing plant with unusually fine foliage. Blooms average about 7½" to 8" in diameter by about 5" deep. Flowers keep exceedingly well when cut. Plants four to five feet tall.

This fine dahlia is named for Maureen Connolly, former World's Amateur Tennis Champion from San Diego, California.

This dahlia has won The American Home Achievement medal at the San Diego County Dahlia Society Show, won a Certificate of Merit at the A.D.S. trial grounds at Long Island Agricultural and Technical Institute, scoring 86.3 and at Trial Garden at Atlanta, Georgia 85.2. Was placed on all four Flower Grower Honor Rolls. This dahlia is a fine addition to any dahlia garden.

Root—\$1.50. Plant—\$1.00

83—Mars (Comstock) I.D. 1953 "A"

Color is deep rich red, reverse of petals edged gold. Petals are very broad. Blooms are very large and can easily become a major contender for largest bloom classes. We have grown blooms better than twelve inches by ten.

Plants are of medium height with nice strong stems holding the blooms at a perfect facing angle. Very dark green insect resistant foliage adds to the beauty of this variety.

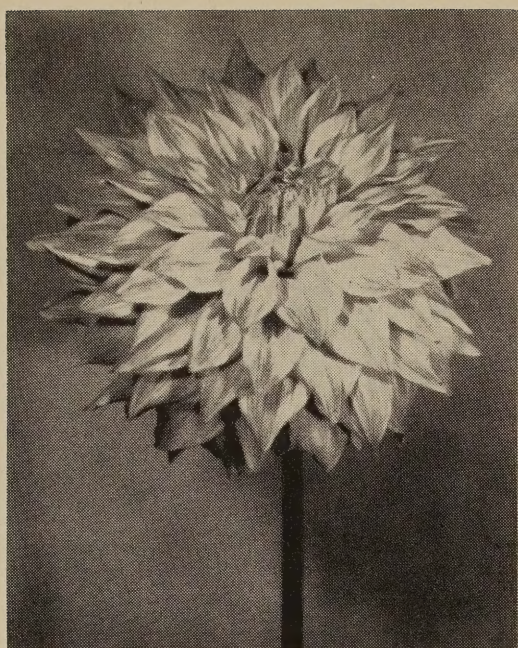
For those who like their dahlias large, they should not overlook this one.

Root—\$1.50. Pot Root—\$1.25. Plant—\$1.00

86—Melisande—(Comstock) I.D. 1957. "B"

This variety is a deep velvety purple. It is a medium size dahlia about 7x4. One of the most interesting features is the artistically curled edges on its petals. Stems are very good and foliage is very dark green. Plants about three and one-half feet tall. Very early bloomer. Unfortunately, blooms of this lovely flower did not coincide with flower show dates and we were not able to show it. However, it did receive a certificate of merit at the A.D.S. Trial Ground at Oakland, Calif. and Cincinnati, Ohio and is on Mr. Webb's Eastern Dahlia Review.

Root—\$7.50 ea. net. Plant \$2.50 ea. net



"STARDUST"



"MR. PRESIDENT"

89—Miss Liberty (Comstock) F.D. 1947 "A"

Formal to informal decorative. Scarlet red, tips of petals white. Blooms classified large about 9 x 5. Upright growing plants, long strong stems, flowers facing. Dark green foliage. Early bloomer. Gold Medal Certificate, and Achievement medal winner. Certified at trial grounds and on three Honor Rolls.

Root—\$1.50. Plant—\$1.00

90—Miss San Diego (Comstock) I.C. 1946 "B"

Incurved lacinated cactus of superb color and form. Lemon yellow, outer half tyrian pink. High centers make blooms almost a ball in form. Flowers high out of a fine growing plant. Blooms medium to large, prolific bloomer and good root maker. Certified and on all three Honor Rolls, Achievement Medal winner.

Root—\$1.50. Pot Root—\$1.25. Plant—\$1.00.

93—Mr. President (Comstock) Inc. C. 1955 "A"

Light blend of salmon rose to empire yellow at center. Blooms 10 x 5 inches field grown. Petals broad at base but roll to a nicely formed lacinated incurved cactus. Plants four feet tall with strong stems and beautiful foliage. Open growing plant.

Major awards of "Mr. President" are: Best bloom in show at San Diego in 1946-48 and 1952. A.D.S. seedling sweepstakes awards at San Diego, Orange County and New York A.D.S. shows. On the Flower Grower Honor Rolls of R. T. Eddy and Lynn B. Dudley. Certificate of Merit at Cincinnati and Southern Trial Grounds.

Root—\$5.00. Pot Root—\$3.50. Plant—\$2.00

120—Stardust (Comstock) F.D. 1950 "A"

True pink with small lines of silver running length-wise of the petals. These lines are very prevalent just before the blooms are ready for picking and enhance the beauty of the flowers, but as they develop to maturity the entire bloom becomes solid pink. Blooms disbudded average under normal growth about 10 x 5 inches. The stems of this variety are long and strong, averaging twelve inches to the first set of leaves. Blooms face and can be cut when only half open and will continue to develop in water. Plants about five feet high, open growing type. Early bloomer and very good keeper when cut. Winner of Achievement Medals in San Diego, Santa Ana and Inglewood, California. On all Honor Rolls.

Root—\$1.50. Pot Root—\$1.25. Plant—\$1.00

STANDARD VARIETIES

1—Aladin (Germany) I.D. "B"

Most striking soft apricot flecked bright carmine. Rugged, early and profuse bloomer. A true variegated and already very popular. **Plant—\$1.00**

2—Alice May (Australia) I.D. "A"

Large white blooms with great depth. Fine foliage and stems. Excellent exhibition type blooms. **Root—\$1.50.**

3—Ami Louis Blinn (France) S.C. "A"

Dark red blooms of excellent formation and plenty of substance adorn a well branched sturdy plant. Long strong stems hold the blooms well out of the plant. 10 x 6. **Root—\$1.50. Pot Root—\$1.25. Plant—\$1.00**

4—Annette (Australia) I.D. "A"

A very large primrose yellow. This dahlia has a very artistic formation and is without a doubt a good exhibition variety. **Root—\$1.50. Plant—\$1.00.**

5—Arthur Godfrey (Pittman) F.D. 1951 "A"

A very large formal decorative of orient red, with orange shadings. Excellent stems hold the massive blooms facing up. One of the strongest of growers. Blooms 11 x 6. **Root—\$1.50. Plant—\$1.00.**

6—Art Linkletter (see page 4)

7—Autumn Glory (Comstock) I.D. 1948. "A." See page 4

Fiery red centered with shades of gold toward the ends of petals. Blooms are very large. **Root—\$1.50. Pot Root—\$1.25. Plant—\$1.00.**

8—Axford Triumph (Australia) I.D. "A"

Large tan to orange blooms on exceptionally thrifty plants make it an attraction in the garden. **Root—\$1.50. Plant—\$1.00**

9—Ballego's Surprise (Ballego) C. "B"

A most beautiful white dahlia of very interesting formation. Large type, excellent stems with best of keeping qualities. **Plant—\$1.00**

10—Bertha Shone (Eccleston) S.C. 1953. "A"

Lavender with white center. Petals deeply lacinated. Petals fold back giving good depth to blooms. Good stiff stems hold flowers at the right angle. **Root—\$1.50.**

11—Bessie Hardress (Australia) F.D. "A"

A most pleasing blend of soft yellow with mauve shadings. Blooms 10 x 5. Clean growing plant. **Root—\$1.50. Pot Root—\$1.25. Plant—\$1.00.**

12—Big Ben (England) C. "A"

This is one of the largest cactus varieties, blooms about 12 to 13 inches in diameter and good depth. Color is crimson and it does not fade. Short growing plant. This variety should make a good record on the show tables in this country. **Plant—\$2.00**

13—Black Monarch (Pape) S.C. 1946 "A"

Dark oxblood red. A very fine and strong grower. Stems of exceptional length hold the huge flowers well out of plant. Plenty of substance and a good keeper when cut. Blooms well over ten inches. **Plant—\$1.00.**

14—Blue Victory (Holland) St.C. "A"

Lavender blue cast, on good stems. Prolific bloomer; petals are artistically curved. Rare color combination with the same habit of Victory Day, of which this is a seedling. Certificate of Merit, Amsterdam. **Root—\$1.50. Pot Root—\$1.25. Plant—\$1.00.**

15—Budovaki (Czechoslovakia) F.D. "A"

Beautiful and rare color, which best is described as full ripened raspberry; 10" blooms are regularly formed and carried on long, strong stems. Because of its formation and tint, we heartily recommend this Czechoslovakian champion. **Root—\$1.50. Plant—\$1.00.**

16—Bunny (Australia) C. "A"

This is an "A" size dahlia, clear lemon yellow. Prolific bloomer, plants about four feet. Good substance.

Root—\$1.50. Pot Root—\$1.25. Plant—\$1.00.

17—Burnbrae Memories (Australia) I.D. "A"

Primrose yellow. Three foot plants, good stems and fine foliage. Good root producer.

Root—\$1.50.

18—Carl G. Dahl (Scott) I.D. 1937 "A"

Blooms 12 x 6. Pointed petals curling slightly. Old rose.

Root—\$1.25. Pot Root—\$1.00. Plant—75c.

19—Carlotta Rosa (Rosemary) C. "B" 1956

Lavender shading to a lighter center. Stems strong and wiry holding blooms at a 45 degree angle. A.D.S. Seedling sweepstakes winner and American Home Achievement Medal.

Plant—\$2.00.

20—Charles Ondrick (Roberts) S. C. "A" 1957

Dark blend, dusty autumn blending to burnt sienna and french purple. Blooms 10 x 5 inches. Certified at two trial grounds and placed on all four Honor Rolls of the Flower Grower Magazine.

Plant—\$3.50.

21—Cherie (Comstock) F.D. 1954 "B" see page 4

22—Cherokee Brave (Dahliadel) I.D. 1938 "A"

Oxblood red. Holds its color in all weather. Very large.

Root—\$1.50. Plant—\$1.00.

23—Christine (Australia) F.D. "A"

This dahlia is one of the best out of Australia. Broad yellow petals that have just a slight curl. Beautiful foliage. Rugged plant.

Root—\$1.50. Pot Root—\$1.25. Plant—\$1.00

24—Clara Hook (Wolbert) C. 1947 "A"

Large straight cactus, golden yellow suffused peach. "A" type dahlia with perfect substance and good stems. "Derrill Hart" Medal Winner.

Root—\$1.50. Plant—\$1.00.

25—Clariam Royalty (Wolbert) C. 1951 "A"

A large purple straight cactus, with exceptional depth. Average size is about 10½ x 8, but has been grown up to twelve inches in diameter. Winner of seven American Home Achievement Medals. On Flower Grower's Honor Roll.

Root—\$1.50. Pot Root—\$1.25. Plant—\$1.00.

26—Colonel Little (Ambrose) I.D. 1946 "A"

Scarlet and orange. Petals twist and curl and are notched at the ends. Fine stems, large class. Honor Roll dahlia.

Root—\$1.50. Pot Root—\$1.25. Plant—\$1.00.

27—Conqueror (Belgium) C. "A"

Enormous yellow cactus dahlia of perfect form. Fine stems and good growing plant.

Root—\$1.50. Pot Root—\$1.25. Plant—\$1.00.

28—Croydon Brightness (Australia) F.D. "A"

Cerise is the color of this fine broad petaled variety. "A" size with excellent stems and habit of growth. Plants medium height. Good for exhibition.

Root—\$1.50. Pot Root—\$1.25. Plant—\$1.00.

29—Croydon Dainty (Australia) F.D. "A"

Large buff colored blooms. Short growing plant. Rugged plant growth.

Root—\$1.50. Pot Root—\$1.25. Plant—\$1.00.

30—Croydon Dignity (Australia) I.D. "A"

Husky large dark red dahlia. Short growing plant.

Root—\$1.50. Pot Root—\$1.25. Plant—\$1.00.

31—Croydon Eclipse (Australia) F.D. "B"

This medium sized perfectly formed dahlia is lemon yellow. Prolific bloomer, wonderful growing plant about four feet tall, clean foliage, blooms about 8 x 5. Good for exhibition purposes and blooms keep well.

Root—\$3.50. Plant—\$1.50.

32—Croydon Masterpiece (Australia) F.D. "A"

Salmon orange, shaded tan. Giant flowers better than twelve inches in diameter are quite common. Strong grower and prolific bloomer. One of the very best.

Plant—\$1.00.

33—Croydon Robin (Australia) F.D. "A"

Blood red with maroon edgings. Blooms 10 x 5. Short growing plants. Dark green foliage should do well on the show table.

Root—\$3.50. Pot Root—\$3.00. Plant—\$1.50.

34—Croydon Russet (Australia) F.D. "A"

Large rust colored blooms about 11 x 6. Thrifty growing plant. The unusual color of this variety should make it very popular.

Root—\$5.00. Pot Root—\$3.50. Plant—\$2.00.

35—Croydon Snotop (Australia) I.D. "A"

A very large pure white dahlia that sits on top of fine strong stems. This is a really good dahlia and is surely a strong contestant in the exhibition whites.

Root—\$1.50. Plant—\$1.00.

36—Croydon Supreme (Australia) F.D. "A"

Dark red blooms 9 x 6. A very formal type dahlia. Good heavy foliage. Short growing plant.

Root—\$3.50. Pot Root—\$3.00. Plant—\$1.50.

37—Daisy Ethel (Australia) C. "B"

Dark purple blooms 7 x 4. Prolific bloomer, open growing plant.

Root—\$1.50. Pot Root—\$1.25. Plant—\$1.00.

38—Del Rosa (Australia) F.D. "A"

Deep rose overall but deeper at center of bloom. Long stems and good foliage.

Plant—\$1.00.

39—Desiree' (Comstock) Str.C. 1955. "A". See page 5

40—Desiree' Draps (Holland) St.C. "B"

Lively pink; the frilled petals are nicely waved and delicately edged yellow. Free-flowering, fine habit of growth.

Root—\$1.50. Pot Root—\$1.25. Plant—\$1.00.

41—Dixie's Winedot (Dixie) I.D. 1943 "A"

Blooms 10 x 6. Variegated white background splashed with wine red. Long stems, fine growing plant. Three Achievement medals to its credit and Honor Roll dahlia.

Root—\$1.50. Plant—\$1.00.

42—Drum Major (Australia) I.D. "A"

Very large blooms of terra cotta red. Plants are very strong growers. A good dahlia.

Root—\$1.50. Pot Root—\$1.25. Plant—\$1.00.

43—Dulcie May (Australia) C. "B"

This is a most beautiful crimson red medium sized dahlia. Very uniform plants produce many blooms throughout the season.

Root—\$1.50. Pot Root—\$1.25. Plant—\$1.00.

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All varieties listed below are priced as follows:

25 seed—\$1.50	50 seed—\$3.00	100 seed—\$6.00
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Croydon Eclipse
Croydon Russet
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Mary Elizabeth
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Patricia Spollen
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44—Eileen Lucy (Australia) I.D. "A"

Autumn colored 11 x 6. This variety has very long strong stems, and thrifty grower. Plants four feet high.

Pot Root—\$1.25. Plant—\$1.00.

45—Esquire (Martin) F.D. 1951 "A"

A very large purple formal which naturally attains a diameter of eleven to twelve inches. Petals are pointed.

Root—\$1.50. Plant—\$1.00.

46—Eva Stamford (Holland) I.D. "A"

The broad petals are slightly incurving; from a soft lemon in the center, color changes into a distinct lilac at the edgings of this 13" exhibition bloom

Root—\$1.50. Plant—\$1.00.

47—Fashion Hour (Roberts) I.C. "A"

Cyclamen purple. Blooms 10 x 5 inches. Fine stems and foliage. Medium sized plants. Achievement Medal winner and Certified at trial grounds.

Root—\$1.50. Pot Root—\$1.25. Plant—\$1.00.

48—First Lady (Comstock) F.D. 1955. "B." See page 5

49—Five Star General (Ramage) F.D. 1946

Blend of amaranth and tyrian pink petals, edged maize yellow. Blooms ten to thirteen by six inches. Very strong stems. Blooms facing side. Sturdy plant growth, excellent foliage. Free and consistent bloomer. Winner of "Derrill Hart" Medal, on all Honor Rolls and Certified at three trial grounds.

Root—\$1.50. Pot Root—\$1.25. Plant—\$1.00.

50—Florence Chadwick (Comstock) C. 1953. "B." See page 6 and 24

51—Florist Special (Robens) I.C. "BB" 1957

Cobalt violet, base of petals white. Blooms 5 to 6 inches. Most blooms facing or on top. Long stems and good foliage. Vigorous plants, prolific bloomer. Plants four feet tall.

Plant—\$2.00.

52—Freda Canning (Australia) I.D. "A"

Large blood red blooms, petals are very broad and are wavy on edges. Blooms 12 x 6. Stems very strong. Plants three feet tall, dark green foliage. Hard to beat in red classes.

Plant—\$3.00.

53—G. Carter (Australia) S.C. "A"

Large lemon yellow blooms. Petals are wide at base becoming very pointed at ends. Clean growing plant. Long stems and a good keeper when cut.

Plant—\$1.00.

54—Giant of Baarn (Holland) C. "A"

Vermillion flushed salmon. Very long strong stems hold the large blooms good, on a thrifty, well branching plant.

Root—\$1.50. Plant—\$1.00.

55—Golden Halo (Wolfe) S.C. 1955 "B"

Golden yellow with a blush of apricot. Blooms 8 x 4. Medium plants.

Root—\$1.50. Pot Root—\$1.25. Plant—\$1.00.

56—Golden Heart (Holland) S.C. "B"

Orange red blending to a center of gold. This is truly a most beautiful dahlia. Excellent growing plant about four feet tall. Long stems.

Plant—\$1.50.

57—Goulburn (Australia) C. "A"

Reddish apricot at petal tips blending to a lemon yellow in center of flower. Very striking color. Large specimen blooms.

Root—\$1.50. Pot Root—\$1.25. Plant—\$1.00.

58—Goulesson Eggeston (Australia) F.D. "A"

Orchid pink, broad petals, blooms 10 x 5. Short growing plant. Good exhibition variety.

Root—\$2.00. Plant—\$1.00.

59—Graf Folke Bernadotte (Holland) S.C. "A"

Enormous snow white. Long stem, solid freeflowering growth and well formed flowers, of over 12" across by 6" deep; for exhibition.

Root—\$1.50. Pot Root—\$1.25. Plant—\$1.00.

60—Groucho Marx (Comstock) 1956. "A." See page 6

- 61—Gunyah Glory** (Australia) I.D. "A"
Deep purple. Excellent stems and plant growth. Good for exhibition.
Plant—\$1.00.
- 62—Harvey Atherton** (Comstock) 1956. "A." See page 7
- 63—Heart of Gold** (Australia) S. C. "B"
Scarlet with base of petals golden, also gold stripes throughout petals. Blooms 8 x 5.
Plant—\$1.00.
- 64—Helen Hayes** (Comstock) 1958. "A." See page 3
- 65—Helio Frills** (Australia) I.D. "A"
Beautiful heliotrope blooms with fluted petals. Blooms about 10 inches in diameter. Medium grower, very good.
Plant—\$1.50.
- 66—Iva Jean** (Lundgren) I.C. "B" 1958
Incurved bicolor mallow purple tipped white. Size of blooms 8 x 5 inches. This dahlia scored an average of 85.6 at four trial grounds. Winner of The American Home Achievement Medal and A.D.S. Seedling Sweepstake winner. Plants about four feet tall.
Plant—\$3.50 net each
- 67—Jane Lausche** (Rocky River) S.C. "A"
Rosy mauve with the tips of petals white. An excellent bicolor that always gives a good account of itself in the shows. Good stems and thrifty grower. Blooms 10 x 6.
Root—\$1.50. Pot Root—\$1.25. Plant—\$1.00.
- 68—Joan Carroll** (Australia) I.D. "A"
Large lavender pink blooms with base of petals shading to almost white. Fine stems. Medium height plant.
Root—\$2.00. Pot Root—\$1.50. Plant—\$1.00.
- 69—John Butterworth** (Australia) I.D. "A"
Color of this one is Camellia rose shading buff toward base of petals, classed as a light blend. Plants about four feet, thrifty growing, blooms 10 x 5.
Root—\$1.50. Plant—\$1.00.
- 70—Joe Tierney** (Australia) I.C. "A"
Autumn with red overcast. Narrow tightly twisted petals curving toward center of blooms. A most beautiful true type cactus. Blooms 10 x 5.
Root—\$2.50. Pot Root—\$2.00. Plant—\$1.25.
- 71—Juanita** (South Africa) C. "B"
Color of this fine exhibition dahlia is purple shaded ruby red. Medium growing plant. Prolific bloomer and a very good root producer.
Root—\$1.50. Pot Root—\$1.25. Plant—\$1.00.
- 72—Kelvin** (Australia) I.D. "A"
Salmon rose. One of the large ones. Very consistently producing show caliber blooms. Fine growing plant.
Root—\$1.50. Pot Root—\$1.25. Plant—\$1.00.
- 73—Kelvin Brown** (Australia) I.D. "A"
This variety comes as close to mahogany with a little more brown as anything we have seen. Blooms 11 x 6. Good stems and very dark green foliage.
Root—\$2.50. Plant—\$1.50.
- 74—Kidd's Climax** (Australia) F.D. "A"
Pink and cream overlaid helio. Very large blooms with good form.
Root—\$1.50. Pot Root—\$1.25. Plant—\$1.00.
- 75—Lavender Beauty** (Robens) C. "A" 1957
Lavender with base of petals white. Very beautiful and artistic blooms. Blooms 9 to 11 inches in diameter. All blooms facing. Very good stems and foliage. This is a good dahlia, well grown blooms would have an excellent chance for best bloom in almost any show.
Plant—\$3.50.
- 76—Lavender Perfection** (New Zealand) F.D. "A"
Pure lavender giant blooms of perfect quality. Exhibition blooms of 13" are common. Plants have good habits and grow free. Award of Merit, Royal H.S. London cup winner 1954, as the best dahlia of foreign origin, after two years Holland-competition.
Root—\$1.50. Pot Root—\$1.25. Plant—\$1.00.
- 77—Lena Hall** (Australia) I.D. "A"
Deep rose pink. Blooms 10 x 5. Short growing plant. Good strong stems. Thrifty grower.
Root—\$1.50. Plant—\$1.00.

78—Little Dickey (Eddy-Comstock) 1958. "Miniature." See page 3

79—Maffie (Johnson) S.C. 1940 "A"

Intense bright red blooms about eleven or twelve inches across. Tall growing plant. Achievement Medal and Honor Roll dahlia.

Root—\$1.50. Plant—\$1.00.

80—Maitre Fargetton (Holland) S.C. "A"

Solid gold blooms throughout, are borne on very long strong stems. Very good keeper when cut. Rugged growing, plants rather tall. A very artistic dahlia. Prolific bloomer.

Root—\$1.50. Pot Root—\$1.25. Plant—\$1.00.

81—Majestat (Germany) I.D. "A"

This variety produces many large blooms, pink with yellow base. Petals are very large and broad. Tall plant. Blooms keep very well when cut.

Root—\$1.50. Pot Root—\$1.25. Plant—\$1.00.

82—Marilyn Dale (Mollineaux) S.C. 1949 "A"

Fuchsia rose overcast lavender. Long stems. A winner in its class.

Root—\$1.50. Pot Root—\$1.25. Plant—\$1.00.

83—Mars (Comstock) I.D. 1953. "A." See page 7

84—Mary Elizabeth (Robens) I.D. 1954 "A"

Cherry red. Very large blooms of better than twelve inches with very good depth. Husky grower. Winner of A.D.S. Seedling Sweepstakes and listed on all four Honor Rolls.

Root—\$2.00. Plant—\$1.00.

85—Maureen Connolly (Comstock) F.D. 1954. "B." See page 7

86—Melisande (Comstock) I.D. 1957. "B." See page 7

87—Michael Corry (Australia) F.D. "A"

A new Australian variety of pure mauve. Excellent stems and wonderful ten to eleven inch blooms of strictly exhibition quality. Vigorous grower.

Root—\$1.50. Pot Root—\$1.25. Plant—\$1.00.

88—Millgrove (Australia) I.D. "A"

Very large lavender blooms on medium growing plants. One of the best in lavender from Australia. Real exhibition type.

Plant—\$1.50.

89—Miss Liberty (Comstock) F.D. 1947. "A." See page 8

90—Miss San Diego (Comstock) I.C. 1946. "B" See page 8

91—Morocco (England) F.D. "A"

Bronze and orange. A very good type for exhibition in the autumn shades. Not much competition for this one.

Plant—\$1.00.

92—Mouney C (Comstock) 1958. "BB." See page 3

93—Mr. President (Comstock) Inc. C. 1955. "A." See page 8

94—Mrs. Hester Pape (Pape) I.D. 1946. "A"

A large reddish purple which has one of the most outstanding show records. Achievement Medals at Cleveland, East Liverpool, and Baltimore. Color is bordering between red and purple but classed purple according to color charts. Plants are quite tall with excellent foliage and habits of growth. Usual size of blooms is eleven to twelve inches, but blooms up to fourteen inches are not uncommon. Blooms are generally informal but very well finished blooms may be semi-cactus.

Plant—\$1.00.

95—Nagels Solidite (France) S.C. "B"

True intense candy pink. Blooms 7 x 5. This is a very prolific bloomer with excellent stems.

Root—\$1.50. Plant—\$1.00.

96—Ohio Maid (Robens) F.D. "A" 1956

White with lavender blush at center. Blooms 10 x 6. Nice growing plants about four feet tall. Dark green foliage, excellent stems.

Plant—\$2.00.

97—Our Friend (Robens) I.D. 1955 "A"

This outstanding dahlia is lavender. Very large. Blooms have been displayed up to 14 x 9 which would rate this variety among the very big ones that could compete for largest in show. This dahlia is on two Honor Rolls and is winner of A.D.S. Sweepstakes.

Root—\$3.50. Pot Root—\$3.00. Plant—\$1.50.

98—Orange Majesty (Hadow) I.D. 1955 "A"

Orange with faint shadings of bronze throughout the large blooms. This is an "A" size dahlia of good merit. Thrifty grower and robust plant. Excellent stems. Honor Roll of 1955.

Root—\$3.50. Pot Root—\$3.00. Plant—\$1.50.

99—Patricia Spollen (Johnson) I.C. 1952 "A"

Persimmon orange incurved cactus blooms about 10 x 6 that are produced on long strong stems on a leathery insect resistant plant. Petals are serrated. Winner of 9 American Home Achievement Medals, on all Honor Rolls and winner of many awards.

Root—\$1.50. Pot Root—\$1.25. Plant—\$1.00.

100—Pat Schultz (Australia) I.D. "A"

Lavender pink. Very large blooms of excellent exhibition form. Very strong stems. Keeps well for such a large flower.

Root—\$1.50. Pot Root—\$1.25. Plant—\$1.00.

101—Phenomenon (Belgium) C. 1953 "B"

Ivory suffused to purple at edges of petals with purple center. Petals are spiralled in formation. Blooms ten inches across with fine stems. Award of Merit at Brussels, Paris and Amsterdam.

Plant—\$1.00.

102—Pink Goulburn (Australia) C. "A"

Rose pink with base of petals fading into cream. Blooms 10 x 5.

Pot Root—\$1.25. Plant—\$1.00.

103—Pink Superior C. "A"

This lavender dahlia resembles Greater Glory in type. Blooms 10 x 5. Good stems.

Root—\$1.50. Pot Root—\$1.25. Plant—\$1.00.

104—Pop Harris (Australia) F.D. "A"

Bright red with excellent form, large blooms and fine growth. Very good stems holding the flowers facing.

Root—\$1.50. Pot Root—\$1.25. Plant—\$1.00.

105—Powder Puff (Barwal) I.D. "A"

Persian rose sport of Sherwoods Peach. Blooms are very large about 11 x 7. Short growing plant.

Plant—\$1.00.

106—Prairie Fire (Marsh) S.C. "A"

Rich orange dahlia with good size blooms easily attaining a size of ten to twelve inches with corresponding depth. Stems are excellent and all habits of growth are good. Winner of eight Achievement Medals, on all four Honor Rolls and a Certificate winner. Predictions have been made for a great future for this dahlia in its class.

Root—\$2.00. Pot Root—\$1.50. Plant—\$1.00.

107—Pride of Holland (Holland) C. "B"

Seven inch pure pink straight cactus. Good growing plant. One of the best in its class.

Pot Root—\$1.25. Plant—\$1.00.

108—Pride of Parkersburg (Smith) S.C. 1949 "A"

Primrose yellow. Achievement Medal winner and Honor Roll dahlia. Excellent stems.

Root—\$1.50. Plant—\$1.00.

109—Princess Dianne (Partain Comstock) I.D. 1951. "A." See page 24

This dahlia is without a doubt the best red that we've ever had the pleasure of growing. It holds its color during hot weather unusually well, and the deep rich blood red blooms are held high out of a very dark green plant. Flowers face outward and slightly up. Very prolific bloomer and good keeper when cut. Blooms average about nine by six inches. Petals are broad and slightly lacinated. Achievement Medal and A.D.S. Certificate of Merit winner and on the Flower Grower Honor Rolls for 1951. If you're looking for a winner in the red classes, this is it.

Root—\$1.50. Pot Root—\$1.25. Plant—\$1.00.

110—Queen Elizabeth (England) I.D. "A"

Very large lemon yellow. Very pleasing crinkled edge of petal formation. Short growing plant.

Root—\$1.50. Pot Root—\$1.25. Plant—\$1.00.

111—Quinns Tidal Wave (Australia) F.D. 1953 "A"

Giant yellow that can be grown to immense proportions. Top winner in Australia scoring very high. Perfect long strong stems.

Root—\$1.50. Plant—\$1.00.

112—Rita Bell (Australia) F.D. "A"

Flesh pink blooms 10 x 5 are held on long stems on a three foot plant. Husky grower.

Root—\$1.50. Plant—\$1.00.

113—Roben's Showboat (Robens) I.D. 1957 "A"

Lavender. A seedling of Powder Puff. Has nice long stems and good foliage. Size of blooms up to 14½ inches by 10 inches deep, facing slightly up, very few on top. Won the American Home Achievement Medal, an A.D.S. Seedling Sweepstakes Award, and also the largest bloom in the show at East Liverpool, Ohio, on Eddy's Honor Roll and has other winnings.

Plant—\$3.50.

114—Ronlea Martin (Australia) F.D. "A"

Rhodamine purple, center of blooms a little darker. Excellent stems and plant growth. 10 x 5.

Root—\$1.50. Plant—\$1.00.

115—Ronnie Lee (Dorff) S.C. 1945 "A"

Salmon orange blended to red. Early bloomer of very large blooms. Exhibition type.

Pot Root—\$1.25.

116—Schubart F.D. "B"

This is a top quality bicolor. Brilliant red with clean white tips. Long strong stems. This is fit for most any show.

Root—\$1.50. Pot Root—\$1.25. Plant—\$1.00.

117—Silver Wedding (Hulin) C. "A"

The color is white with a faint mallow pink cast. Blooms about 10 x 5. Very long strong stems. Beautiful five foot plants, very free flowering.

Root—\$2.00. Pot Root—\$1.50. Plant—\$1.25.

118—Skyrocket (Sarett) C. 1947 "A"

Vermillion red straight cactus blooms averaging 11 x 6 make this dahlia a standout in most any garden. The stems are long and straight. Very good exhibition variety.

Root—\$1.50. Pot Root—\$1.25. Plant—\$1.00.

119—Squiggle (Holland) I.C. "A"

Bronze with a tint of purple on reverse of petals, which are long and narrow, petals curl and interlace. Four foot plants, good stems and very free bloomer.

Root—\$1.50. Pot Root—\$1.25. Plant—\$1.00.

120—Stardust (Comstock) F.D. 1950. "A." See page 8

121—Starfire (Holland) C. "BB"

This very fine petaled red cactus variety is very unusual in its type and brilliant in color. Base of petals are yellow. Good bloomer excellent stems.

Plant—\$1.00.

122—Stephen Foster (Salem) C. "A"

Very large blooms, generally about eleven inches in diameter. Tall sturdy plants. Orange buff suffused rose.

Pot Root—\$1.25. Plant—\$1.00.

123—St. Leonard's (Australia) C. "A"

Tomato red flowers of good size and fine form. Medium growing plant.

Plant—\$1.00.

124—Stormcloud (Baker) S.C. 1954 "A"

This is one of the very large dahlias. Blooms up to 14 inches across. Dark red in color with just a slight touch of purple. Tall growing plant. Winner of three American Home Achievement Medals and Honor Roll dahlia.

Root—\$2.00. Pot Root—\$1.50. Plant—\$1.00.

125—The Colonel (Holland) S.C. "A"

Lemon yellow, with very many petals that are slightly incurved, very good depth, blooms 8½ x 6. Long stems hold blooms at good angle. Healthy plants and profuse bloomer.

Plant—\$1.50.

126—The Master (Australia) I.D. "A"

Sunset amber shaded bronze. Very large blooms 11 x 6. Tall growing plant. This variety made many wins in Eastern shows last year.

Root—\$3.00. Pot Root—\$1.50. Plant—\$1.00.

127—The Real Glory (Stephenson) F.D. "A"

Ten-inch blooms of crispy white. Prolific bloomer with dark green foliage.

Root—\$1.50. Pot Root—\$1.25. Plant—\$1.00.

128—The Standard (Australia) I.D. "A"

Sulphur yellow blooms 12 x 6. Petals very broad. Thrifty grower, good long stems. A truly good dahlia.

Root—\$3.50. Pot Root—\$3.00. Plant—\$1.50.

129—Tony Hay (Australia) F.D. "A"

Very dark maroon red. Blooms have many petals which are broad and very formal. Very dark green plants about four feet tall. Husky grower.

Root—\$5.00. Plant—\$2.00.

130—Troubador (S.C.) "A"

This is a large variegated dahlia of rose splashed with wine red. Fine growing plant.

Root—\$1.50. Plant—\$1.00.

131—Verna Martin (Australia) F.D. "A"

Beautiful large lavender blooms of fine exhibition quality make this variety an immediate favorite. Medium growing plants.

Root—\$1.50. Pot Root—\$1.25. Plant—\$1.00.

132—Victory Day (Holland) C. "A"

Berry red. Blooms are large and very regular cactus petal formation. Excellent stems.

Root—\$1.50. Pot Root—\$1.25. Plant—\$1.00.

133—Virginia Rute (Chappaqua) S.C. "A"

Rich velvety maroon. Broad pointed petals. Good form and substance. Large type blooms on long straight stems. Tall grower.

Root—\$1.50. Pot Root—\$1.25. Plant—\$1.00.

134—Vivien Leigh (Australia) I.D. "A"

Rose pink overlaid lavender. Blooms 10 x 6. Strong growing plant.

Root—\$1.50. Plant—\$1.00.

135—Windlassie (Wind) I.D. 1947 "B"

Pure white. Petals twist and curl and fold all the way back to stem. Blooms medium to large. Excellent stems. Honor Roll dahlia.

Plant—\$1.00.

136—Woy Woy (Australia) C. "A"

Primrose yellow. Blooms 9 x 5. Tall growing plant, very long strong stems. A favorite in yellow cactus types.

Pot Root—\$1.50. Plant—\$1.00.

"Success is in the way you walk the paths of life each day;
It's in the little things you do and in the things you say.
Success is not in getting rich or rising high to fame;
It's not alone in winning goals which we all hope to claim.
Success is being big of heart and clean and broad of mind.
It's being faithful to your friends and, to the stranger, kind.
Success depends on character and how you think things through.
It's in the lives of those you love and all they learn from you."

(Author unknown)

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Mr. President	Madonna Crusader

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DAHLIA HINTS AND CULTURE

The **instructions for planting dahlias** as expressed in this article are primarily meant for our local climatic conditions around **Southern California**. Not being experienced with conditions of growing in other localities our instructions may not be of the best in your area, especially in those parts of the country where summer rains are so prevalent, therefore if you live in some of these parts of the country we would like to suggest that you follow instructions that can be obtained from your local seedsmen and specialists along these lines.

We find that dahlias do fine in the open sun or slightly shaded areas, preferably if the broken sun is during mid-day.

A few of the musts for good results are disease-free and vigorous stock, proper planting, watering, fertilizing, spraying, disbudding, cutting flowers, and digging and storing clumps.

First, **obtain your stock from a reputable grower**; he should have good disease-free stock and will gladly assist you as to colors and types of varieties that will best fit your requirements.

Soil Preparation—For best results, about a month before planting time cover the soil with an application of barnyard manure, or broadcast bonemeal at the rate of about ten pounds to each one hundred square feet, and dig this in to the depth of a spading fork. This should greatly help to **condition your soil for planting**.

Planting—When plants or roots are ready to set out, drive a stake (we use 1"x1" redwood stakes 5 ft. long, pointed on one end) about one foot into the ground. This can be used to place identifying tags on, and for supporting the dahlia plant and blooms later on in the season. Dig a hole alongside of this stake about 4" deep if in heavy soil and about 6" deep in light soils. Place the root on its side in this hole with sprout or eye about four inches from the stake facing up. Then cover root to about halfway to ground level, and as plant grows fill in until hole is filled all the way. If your soil was in a good moist condition at time of planting as it should be, the roots will need no further watering until after the sprouts have appeared above the surface of the ground. Watering before green sprout appears may rot the tuber.

When setting out plants they should be watered quite heavily once every five days, and as soon as soil becomes workable it should be cultivated or well mulched.

Disbudding—When plants are about six or eight inches high the center should be pinched out. This causes the plant to branch.

When buds start to appear, which will be at the end of each lateral or branch, an application of about one-half cup of 4-10-10 commercial fertilizer should be broadcast around the plant, being careful not to come any closer than about 10" from the stalk. It is best to water immediately after applying fertilizer. This works it well into the soil around the plant. Repeating this operation every two weeks until about the middle of September will keep plants well nourished and promote thrifty growth and production of many fine blooms right up to the last of the season, especially if disbudded properly.

On large or medium sized varieties, buds will appear on the ends of each stalk in groups of three. The two side buds should be removed and the center bud left to bloom. By so doing all of the strength that would have gone to the three buds goes to the one that is left, causing it to grow much larger. The next two or three sets of branches (at each leaf below the terminal bud) may also be removed. Be sure that at least one set of branches are left to produce your next set of flowers.

Cutting Blooms—Blossoms should be cut in the evening about sundown. Cut them with long stems and place them immediately in deep cold water. They will draw in all the cold water needed to show themselves at their very best the following morning. Be sure blossoms are ripe, by this we mean that the blossoms are well opened, petals starting to roll back to the stem. If picked too soon blossoms will wilt almost immediately.

Spraying—Plants should be sprayed with one of the various brands of sprays recommended. We find spraying each week keeps plants free from insects, and thus reduces chances of disease spreading through your garden.

Digging—We find in our area that roots should be dug as soon as plants dry, which will be about the last of November or middle December. First cut off stalk about three inches above the ground, then dig in a circle around the plant, keeping about one foot away from the stalk. Lift dirt and tubers out of the ground very carefully to avoid breaking the necks of tubers.

Storage—Store tubers in a cool place where there is no draft. We recommend splitting the clump through the middle of the stalk, thus letting the surplus water drain from the hollow stalk. If allowed to remain, this moisture might cause the tubers to rot during storage.

In the spring clumps may be washed off and divided, leaving at least one eye or sprout on each division. These divisions are then ready for planting.

Instructions for Planting SEEDLING DAHLIAS

Seed from dahlias do not come true to the parent plant, that's why it's so interesting to plant seed. Each seedling plant is a new variety. Seed taken from a given variety may reproduce all colors and types of dahlias, and will form a fine root system the first year, but roots from these seedlings will reproduce themselves.

All of our new varieties come from seedling dahlias. They are the select ones from thousands of seedlings grown each year.

Seed should be sown in seed flats in a fine mixture of soil and leaf mold, kept in a warm location and kept damp but not wet. Seedling plants normally begin appearing in about a week or ten days if sown in these flats covered with about one-half inch of finely screened soil. They make rapid growth and when about four inches high should be transplanted to the open ground. We like to plant our seedlings in rows about two or three feet apart and about a foot apart in the rows.

By planting close like this it gives us the opportunity to thin out the bed by removing the undesirable ones as soon as they bloom.

If further information is needed, please feel free to contact us. We will be glad to assist you with any added information desired to help you grow better dahlias.

Please place your orders early for next year's seed crop. Remember that we fill orders for seed in the order in which they are received.

Don't Be disappointed

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	Pot Root	Root
137—Abundance, I.D. "B" (lavender)		\$1.00
138—Anne Tooker, I.D. "A" (white)		1.00
139—Ballego's Glory, F.D. "B" (rust red edged gold)		1.00
140—Barbara Marshall, I.D. "A" (orange red) . . . . .	.75	1.00
141—Bells Pink, F.D. "A" (pink overcast yellow)		1.00
142—Brides Bouquet, F.D. "A" (white)		1.00
143—Brighton Standard, C, "B" (yellow) . . . . .		.75
144—Catherine, F.D. "A" (white)		1.00
145—California Pageant, I.D. "A" (gold and bronze)		1.00
146—Darcey Sainsbury, F.D. "A" (white)		1.00
147—Doncourt, I.D. "A" (tomato red) . . . . .	.75	1.00
148—Dudine, C "BB" (rose)		1.00
149—Eventide, I.D. "B" (violet purple) . . . . .	.75	1.00
150—Extreme, C "B" (pink) . . . . .	.75	—
151—Friendship, C "BB" (white) . . . . .	.75	1.00
152—Gen. John J. Pershing, S.C. "A" (tan splashed violet) . . . . .	.75	1.00
153—Greater Glory, S.C. "A" (rose pink)		1.00
154—Heroine, I.D. "B" (salmon pink and gold)		1.00
155—Hillcrest Gratiuity, I.D. "B" (rose pink & yellow) . . . . .	.75	1.00
156—Hoosier Marvel, S.C. "A" (yellow)		1.00
157—Hurrah, C "B" (yellow) . . . . .	.75	1.00
158—Leading Lady, F.D. "B" (pink & yellow with white tips)		1.00
159—Lucknow, F.D. "A" (yellow & rose) . . . . .	.75	1.00
160—Madonna Crusader, C "B" (white)		1.00
161—Malcomb W. Bingay, F.D. "A" (orange)		1.00
162—Mavis Tierney, I.D. "B" (red)		1.00
163—Miss Rose Bean, I.D. "A" (tomato red)		1.00
164—Mrs. E. J., C "B" (pink)		1.00
165—Nepos, F.D. "BB" (white edged heliotrope)		1.00
166—Pretty Lady, I.D. "B" (lavender)		1.00
167—Ray Grant, I.C. "B" (pink & yellow)		1.00
168—Shellbourne Fantasy, C "B" (pink) . . . . .	.75	—
169—Snowball, F.D. "BB" (white)		1.00
170—Tartan, F.D. "B" (red striped white) . . . . .	.75	1.00
171—Terpo, S.C. "B" (red) . . . . .		.75
172—Tiara, F.D. "A" (peach tipped white)		1.00
173—The Red, S.C. "B" (tomato red) . . . . .	.75	1.00
174—Top Flight, S.C. "A" (blood red)		1.00
175—Vernons Snowball, F.D. "BB" (white)		1.00
176—Winifred Stredwick, I.D. "A" (white)		1.00
177—Winsome, C, "B" (rose) . . . . .	.75	1.00

Miniature and Ball Dahlias

	Root
178—Cheerio, S.C. Min. (tyrian purple, silver tips)	1.00
179—Elizabeth H., Ball (magenta red)	1.00
180—Eve's Sister, Pompon (chestnut & yellow)	1.50
181—Jescot Daphne, min. ball (violet red tipped white)	1.00
182—La Cierva, collarette (cherry rose, white collar)	1.00
183—Lampion, Pompon (orange and crimson)	1.25
184—Little Dickey, F.D. Min. (purple & white)	5.00
185—Lulu, Ball (cherry red)	2.00
186—Mary Broom, Min. I.D. (blood red tipped white)	1.00
187—Mrs. H. Brown, Coll. (scarlet orange)	1.00
188—Pat N' Dee, Ball (white)	1.00
189—Potgeiter, Pompon (yellow)	1.00
190—Silver Spring, F.D. Min. (pink)	1.50
191—Stolz Von Berlin, F.D. Min. (lavender)	1.00
192—Woody Woodpecker, collarette (red and yellow) . . . . .	.75
193—Zierpuppe, Pompon (orange)	1.00

FLOWER OF FIESTA

The dahlia is the Flower of Fiesta, with a history that has been traced to the days when Cortez and his soldiers invaded Mexico and found the brilliant blooms being used by the Indians at their tribal celebrations.

Thus, it is appropriate that the dahlia occupy the center of the floral stage of San Diego's 1958 Mid-Summer Fiesta del Pacifico. The dahlia show, by the San Diego County Dahlia Society, with upwards of 12,000 blooms, will be the largest ever presented.

Before the dahlia was discovered by white men in 1570 it grew wild in the uplands of Mexico, and was much prized by that country's Indians. It has always been known as a festival flower, and has been used for decorative beauty and as part of the gay costumes worn at fiestas in Mexico and Southern California.

The dahlia comes into bloom during the summer festival season, and its brilliant colors and spectacular size fit it into the fun of Fiesta time. The flower we know today is the result of many years of development by expert growers, has been cultivated in every color except blue and ranges in size from half inch to 15 inches across. Perfect blossoms in all of these categories will be on display at the Fiesta Dahlia Show in Balboa Park, San Diego on August 2nd and 3rd. Entries are expected from prize growers from throughout all of Southern California.

This year's Fiesta will include street dances, parades, fireworks, the \$25,000 Yellowtail fishing derby, appearances of TV and movie stars and scores of other activities. Centerpiece will be performances of "The California Story," a spectacular pageant that combines ballet, music, drama and king sized scenes to tell the story of the State from its discovery through the days of swashbuckling caballeros and flashing-eyed señoritas to its present position as the fastest growing State in the Union.

Why don't you plan a trip to Southern California in time to see the dahlia show and join in the fun of Fiesta Time. We would enjoy having you so very much.



"FLORENCE CHADWICK"

(See page 6)



"PRINCESS DIANNE"

(See page 17)



Seed flats showing dahlia seedlings only one week old. Planted in straight vermiculite, kept damp, NOT WET. They are being removed to flats of a good soil mixture where 36 plants to a flat will be allowed to grow to four inches in height before being transferred to open ground.

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